

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A device for protecting first and second confronting furniture
5 components, the device comprising:
a base member having opposite first and second faces, the first face adapted to contact the first furniture component, the base member having a cushioning projection extending outwardly from the second face of the base member and covering a void within the base member, the projection adapted to contact the
10 second furniture component as it confronts the first furniture component.
2. The device of Claim 1, wherein the device is formed as unitary member.
3. The device of Claim 1, wherein the device is formed of a polymeric
15 material.
4. The device of Claim 1, wherein the projection has a convex portion extending outwardly from the second face of the base member and a planar portion
20 opposite the convex portion across the void.
5. The device of Claim 4, wherein the planar portion of the projection has a thickness that is less than the thickness of the base member.
6. The device of Claim 4, wherein the convex portion of the projection
25 has a thickness that is less than the thickness of the base member.
7. The device of Claim 1, wherein the cushioning projection is elongated in a direction generally perpendicular to the thickness of the base
30 member.
8. The device of Claim 1, wherein the cushioning projection is generally semi-circular.

9. The device of Claim 1, wherein the cushioning projection comprises an opening at at least one end.

5 10. The device of Claim 1, wherein the cushioning projection is closed at both ends.

11. The device of Claim 1, wherein the cushioning projection has a thickness of between about .020 and about .090 inches.

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12. A method for manufacturing a device for protecting first and second confronting furniture components, comprising:

providing a mold comprising a pair of mating mold halves that form a cavity, the cavity configured to form a base member having opposite first and second faces, the first face adapted to contact the first furniture component and the
15 second face having a cushioning projection extending away from the second face;

injecting molten polymeric material into the cavity;

injecting a gas into the cavity at a pressure sufficient to cause a void to form within the base member so that the cushioning projection covers the void; and

20 cooling the polymeric material to a solid state such that it forms a cushioning device.